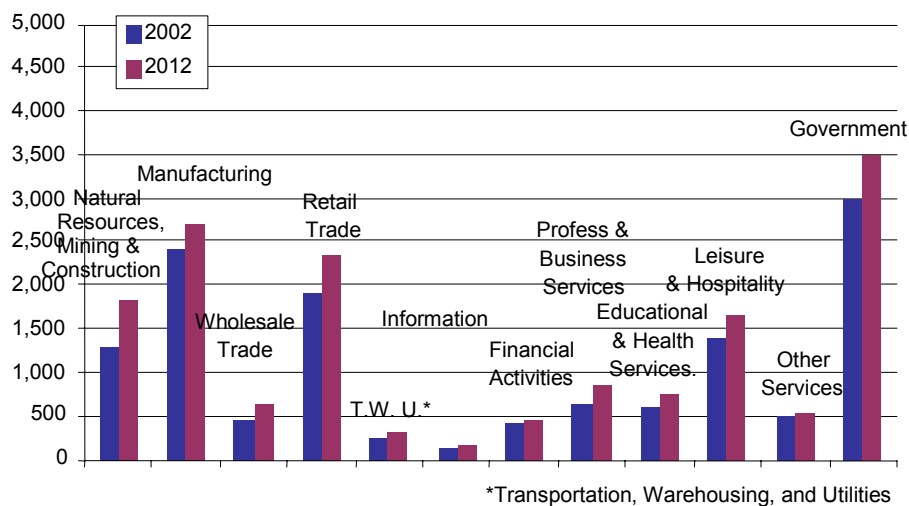


## San Benito County Projection Highlights

### Industry

Total nonfarm employment is expected to reach 15,670 by 2012 in San Benito County, an increase of almost 2,700 new jobs. This represents an annual growth rate of about 2 percent a year over the forecast period. The largest amount of growth is expected in the Natural Resources, Mining and Construction sector that are forecast to add over 500 jobs, primarily in the Construction segment. Government will post the second largest gain during the next 10 years with the growth concentrated in Local Government. Retail Trade follows closely with growth expected in excess of 400 new jobs.

The graph below displays employment levels for the major industry sectors in the County for 2002 and 2012.



The fastest amount of growth, measured by the average annual percentage growth, is expected to occur in the Natural Resources, Mining and Construction sector that is forecast to increase at an average of almost 4.2 percent a year. Transportation Warehousing and Utilities follows closely with an annual growth rate of about 4 percent. Wholesale Trade and Professional and Business Services are expected to grow in excess of 3 percent a year.

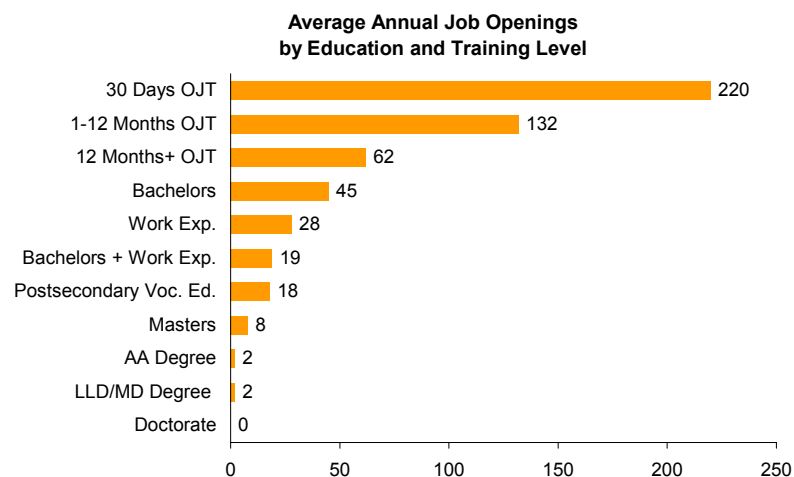
### Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- Almost 2,700 new jobs from industry growth,
- Nearly 3,210 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of almost 5,900 job openings.

The top 48 occupations with the most job openings will generate almost 63 percent of all job openings in San Benito County during the 2002-2012 period. These occupations are expected to generate almost 3,700 total job openings. While these occupations are typically lower paying, entry-level occupations such as Cashiers, Waiters and Waitresses, Combined Food Prep, and Retail Salespersons higher skilled and higher paying occupations such as Managers, Carpenters, Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers, and Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers are also forecasted to have a substantial number of job openings over the ten year period.

The 35 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at an annual rate of 7.1 percent or more. Fourteen of the 35 fastest growing occupations are related to the Construction field including the top seven. Education and Sales related fields are scattered throughout fastest growing occupations. Almost half of the occupations listed require 30 days or 1-12 months of on-the-job training. Just under a third of the occupations pay over \$20 per hour.



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